

MILITARY MASS

FOR DEAD HEROES OF
THE BATTLESHIP
MAINE

Who Eleven Years Ago To-
day Were Plunged to
Sudden Death.

REAR ADMIRAL

SIGSBEE TALKED

To Throng at Base of Shaft
to Their Memory in
Arlington.

His Address Abounded in
Patriotism and Human
Sentiment.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Memories
of the men who were plunged to
sudden death when the battleship
Maine went down in the waters of
Havana harbor eleven years ago to-
day were honored in song and story
in a memorial service in the
cathedral of military, religious and
patriotic bodies.

Impassioned and impressive were the
addresses at St. Patrick's Catholic
church where a military mass was
celebrated for the dead heroes by the
Rev. Thomas E. McFadden, Rev. W.
J. Russell, pastor of St. Patrick's,
and the eulogist.

A pilgrimage was made to Arlington,
where the granite shaft which
honors above 105 of the Maine vic-
tims, and services unusual in their
sincerity were conducted in the
presence of a throng of people.

Rear Admiral Sigsbee, retired,
commander of the ill-fated battle-
ship, was the chief speaker, and in
strong words he depicted the story
of the catastrophe which led the na-
tion to war.

"That dark and overcast night,"
he said, "eleven years ago, taps took
a new meaning to the survivors
of the Maine. They were survivors
of a night with exceptional solemn-
ity. In the muffled echoes rolled
back from the hills with such dis-
tinctness that all must have listened
and heard. Taps, the mighty signal
of sorrow and grief, was therefore
the last of the sound heard by
those who were dead—in one half
hour they were dead—in the great
part dead in their sleep. And the
night, himself, he said, he had
suffered a requiem for himself and
for his comrades.

"We are assembled here today,"
he said, "as individuals and others as
members of patriotic organizations,
to honor our dead. The manner of
the funeral calls for our deepest sym-
pathy and most profound sorrow. The
honorable chance of war that others
have not had, but that we have, yet
we are truly the survivors of the
night. Beyond all doubt, the
deaths of the Maine men and with no
passing and the present gathering
of the gatherings and ceremonies
show today show that those
who are not forgotten. To me, as to
the country, has come a knowledge
of the courage and distresses spread
throughout the catastrophe of the
Maine, comrades and friends. As
the commander of the Maine when
she was lost and so far as I may
speak, I am representative on this
occasion of my hands to yours in
friendship and in grateful
appreciation of these commemora-
tive services at Arlington."

Several officers delivered brief ad-
dresses. Two troops of mounted
cavalry from Fort Myer fired the salute.
A grand tribute was sent by
President Roosevelt and many
others were contributed by individ-
uals and patriotic organizations.

GETS FORTUNE
FOR APPLE CROP.

Feb. 15.—J. A. Stokes,
a Washington, D. C., stock-
holder in this country, is
a successful apple
grower. While in Cleveland,
Ohio, Mr. Stokes sold some
of his apples for \$5 a barrel,
and received \$5 a barrel
for his entire crop of apples.
Mr. Stokes will realize about
\$100,000 from his crop.

TWO BINGS
Called Out the Fire Laddies
Yesterday.

From box 17 called the
fire department to the home of John York,
at 1107 East 17th street, at 2:30
yesterday afternoon, where
a fire had broken out. The
fire was extinguished by
the fire department. The
fire was caused by a short
circuit in the wiring.

SAVED A LIFE;
GOT A FORTUNE.

Calhoun, O., Feb. 15.—George W.
Rollins, a farmer in moderate cir-
cumstances of Extra Postoffice No. 20,
20 miles east of here, yesterday re-
ceived word that he had been left
\$100,000 in cash by Captain G. W.
Forrester, a former Ohio River steam-
boatman, who with West several
years ago and became wealthy in
bank and mining business in South
Dakota. Rollins' father saved For-
rester's life by swimming to shore
with him in a steamboat accident near
Pomeroy, O., just after the Civil war.

WANTED RIBBON
FOR A MACHINE.

New York, Feb. 15.—He was a dis-
tinguished person, and he seemed ill at
ease in a department store, but he
screwed up enough courage to ap-
proach a floorwalker, who was even
more austere than himself, and ask
him where he could get a ribbon for
his typewriter.

"Two aisles over," was the response.
A few minutes later the prospective
purchaser returned, somewhat flushed
and warm.
"Say," he exclaimed, "that's not the
right place. When I told the girl I
wanted a ribbon for my typewriter
she asked me whether it was for a
blonde or brunette, and what shade
would match properly. Do I look like
that kind of a person?"
"Well, you want a ribbon, don't
you?" asked the floorwalker. "They
have all kinds there, and it's the only
ribbon department in the store."
"My friend," replied the would-be
buyer, with scorn, "I want a ribbon
machine, not for a woman, a
ribbon with ink on it that makes char-
acters on a piece of paper when you
strike the key. Did you ever hear of
that sort of thing?"
"Never," was the answer, and the
dignified-looking man stalked away
muttering "Pink! Baby blue! and at
any time of life! Huh!"

ORGANIZED TO
FIGHT STANDARD.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 15.—The in-
dependent Oil Association was perma-
nently organized here Saturday
night by representatives of independ-
ent oil companies of Oklahoma, Kan-
sas, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio and
Pennsylvania. Resolutions were
adopted, which were kept secret. It
is understood, insisting upon Mis-
souri ousting the Standard Oil Co.
and subsidiaries, and certain statistics
showing independent companies able
to supply all demands for oil.
D. Chamberlain, Cleveland, O.,
secretary of the National Petroleum
Association, wired, accepting ap-
pointment as head of delegation to
present the resolution to Missouri's
governor.

PNEUMONIA CAUSES

More Deaths During Janu-
ary Than All Other
Human Diseases.

CANCER FOLLOWS
CLOSE TO LEADER.

Forty Were Tired Living
and Shuffled Off by
Suicide.

Columbus, O., Feb. 15.—The Bu-
reau of Vital Statistics of the de-
partment of the state, completed Sat-
urday the report for January, which
shows that pneumonia complaints
led all others in fatalities, which
were charged to pneumonia and 171
to tuberculosis. That showed this
case, cancer, which is raising more
than ordinary uneasiness in the med-
ical world, follows close to the lead-
ers with a total of 209 deaths.
Extensive of stillbirths there was
a total of 4,875 deaths in Ohio, as
reported to the bureau for the
month.

The detailed report is as follows:
Of tubercular deaths, 553 were
consumptive, 65 tuberculosis of other
organs, 39 general tuberculosis,
11 unspecified tuberculosis.
Apoplexy 241, cancer 209, injury
23, small pox 1, chicken pox 1, scar-
let fever 27, diphtheria 10, erysipelas
22, erythema, spinal meningitis 5,
tetanus 3, measles 9, whooping
cough 25, influenza 67, mumps 2, ty-
phoid fever 72, group 20, syphilis 11,
septicemia 27, of which number 26
were puerperal, homicide 18, gas-
tritis 21, alcoholism 21, haemo-
philia 2.
There were 10 suicides, of which
number 13 by gunshot, carbolic acid,
hanging, S. knife wound, 1 poison,
1 drowning, 1 others 1.
Accidental deaths were 172, which
were produced by the following
means: Poison 14, carbonic acid 2,
strangling 2, poison poisoning 5,
scalds 5, head 1, steam railroad 2,
burns 22, falls 20, suffocation 9,
drowning 3, electric railway 3, gun-
shot 7, mines 3, asphyxiation 2, ma-
chinery 3, explosions 2, freezing 2,
others 9.

BOUND OVER

Thomas Dillon and Alleged
Wife Arraigned Today.

In Judge Everett's court, Thomas
Dillon and his alleged wife, who were
arrested at St. Marys on the charge
of connection with the Yeakum rob-
bery were arraigned this morning.
They waived examination and were
bound over to the common pleas
court.

STRUCK STONE

EIGHTEEN HOUR SPEC-
IAL TRAIN ON THE
PENNSY

Wrecked Early This Morn-
ing Without Death to
Passengers.

SEVERE SHAKING
UP GIVEN THEM.

Accident Occurred at the
Foot of Allegheny
Mountains.

Engineer Had No Time to
Slow Speed After See-
ing Obstacle.

Philadelphia, Feb. 15.—The Penn-
sylvania special, the 18-hour flyer
from Chicago to New York, struck a rock
at Newton Hamilton, Huntingdon
county, Pa., 83 miles west of Harris-
burg, shortly after 6 a. m. today.

The company in this city say that
beyond a severe shaking up no one
was severely injured.
Newton Hamilton is at the foot of
the eastern slope of the Allegheny
mountains and a heavy fog obscured
the tracks at the time the accident
occurred. So far as can be learned
the engineer of the flyer had no time
to reduce his speed before striking
the rock which had fallen from the
hill side.

All the passengers were still in
their berths and it is considered re-
markable that no one was killed. The
passengers were thrown about and
severely shaken up. The number of pas-
sengers on the train was very small.
They were cared for in the last two
cars and are being brought east on
this morning.

MONTANA PASSES
ANTI-BET BILL.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 15.—The bill
which restricts betting on horse races
to fair weeks has passed both houses
of the legislature. It is expected that
Governor Norris will sign the bill
this week.
That the Nevada anti-Japanese mem-
orial will be favorably reported by
the committee on labor with an
amendment asking that the Chinese
exclusion act be continued and ex-
tended and take in other Mongolian
races, its passage by the house is ex-
pected. There is little possibility,
however, of the bill to segregate Mon-
golian school children being enacted.

BANKERS REWARD
BRAVE MARSHAL.

Greenwood, O., Feb. 15.—Marshall
Woods, of this place has tried brav-
ery and found it pays. His encounter
recently with a gang of rascals in
which he killed one of the outlaws,
and was himself dangerously wound-
ed, has already netted \$1,214 in
bribes from other persons who ap-
peared before him and offered
protection for \$100 a week.
A check for \$100 was received by
Woods last Saturday from W. A.
Graham, treasurer of the Ohio Bank-
ers' Association. On Friday a check
for a similar amount was received
from the Fidelity Casualty Insurance
Co., of New York. The town has
contributed \$119.

AGED MOTHER
Of Lima Resident Died at
Wapakoneta Home.

Mrs. Matilda Winemiller, mother of
Adam Winemiller of this city, died
at her home in Wapakoneta on Friday
evening, after suffering with a cancer
of the stomach for several months.
The deceased was one of the prom-
inent residents of Auglaize county, and
was 76 years of age when she passed
away.
Besides Mr. Winemiller of this
city, four other sons and one daughter
are living. Funeral services were held
yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at
the residence in Wapakoneta.

MAD DOG WAGED
AN AWFUL BATTLE.

Freemant O., Feb. 15.—A mad
dog, owned by Arnold Binder, creat-
ed much excitement last Thursday
morning and was killed only after
the canine had put up an awful bat-
tle.
The dog first rushed into the
house and attacked Mrs. Binder, who
was still in bed. She saved herself
by getting beneath the bed clothes.
The dog then rushed into the yard of
Frank Wolf and attacked Mr. Wolf,
who managed to escape into the
house and secure his shotgun. Both
dog and man as was used.
The dog was then shot and was
killed. A dozen other dogs and they
were all killed as a matter of pre-
caution. The mad canine also at-
tacked a number of school children
en route to school, but none were
hurt.

CONTEST WON BY
CHINESE STUDENT.

Woolster, O., Feb. 15.—P. W. Kuo,
only Chinese student in Woolster
University, won out over eight other
contestants last Saturday afternoon
in the annual college oratorical con-
test to see who would represent
Woolster in the state contest. Kuo,
a junior, and carried off the \$25
prize, getting first place by four of
the five judges.

MEXICAN COURTS
RECOGNIZE U. S. LAW.

Mexico City, February 15.—The
Mexican courts, notwithstanding the
fact that Mexico has no divorce laws,
have sustained the divorce laws of
the United States. Silvio Contri, an
Italian architect of this city, was
sued for divorce by his first wife,
who followed him from Italy, on the
ground that they were married in
Italy and that that country has no di-
vorce laws. Contri set up his de-
fense that he came to Louisiana, ob-
tained a divorce and married there
a second time. The Mexican su-
preme court recognized the Louisiana
divorce and found against the wife.

BOARD OF SERVICE

Safety Will Remain
in Office Until Janu-
ary First.

CIVIL SERVICE

ALSO EFFECTIVE

On That Date.—Present
Council May Fix
All Salaries.

Columbus, O., Feb. 15.—The new
municipal code does not go into effect
until January 1, 1910. This is the
opinion of Attorney-General A. Grant
Denman, rendered Saturday in an-
swer to a formal communication ad-
dressed to him by Senator Geo. K.
Cetone, of Dayton, asking for a con-
struction of that important statute
on a number of points.
As to the question "When is the
Director of Public Safety and the Di-
rector of Public Service to be ap-
pointed?" that name is out of the
question. The Attorney-General says in
reply that the bill, which is the
bill that the present members of the
Boards of Public Safety and Public
Service shall serve until the ex-
piration of the terms for which they
have been elected and Section 136,
as amended in the bill, provides that
in every city there shall be a depart-
ment of public service administered
by the mayor, who shall serve until
his successor is appointed and qual-
ified. Section 146 similarly provides
therefore, that serve at the will of
the mayor, subject to the council.
It is very clear from the bill, and
therefore, of the opinion of the At-
torney-General, that they will not
be appointed until January 1, 1910.

Another question referred to the
line of the meeting of the commit-
tee consisting of the President of
Council, the President of the Sink-
ing Fund Trustees and the President
of the Board of Education to name
the civil service commission. The At-
torney-General holds that these of-
ficers shall be named by the council
existence on January 1, 1910, and not
the present officials. They will
meet on that day and name the com-
mission.

A third question states that "the
bill provides that the commission
shall begin operations on August 1,"
and then asks "Do the employees
who are now serving retain their
present positions or are they required
to take the examinations provided for
by the Civil Service Commission?" If
the commission is named, does the
commission have the right to name
the employees?
Attorney-General Denman holds
that it is improper to believe that the
commission shall begin operation in
August of this year for the reason
that the commission itself does not
secure life until next January. Em-
ployees of the police and fire depart-
ments who are now serving will re-
tain their present positions and can-
not be required to take the civil ser-
vice examinations. The commissioners
will hold examinations only to fill
vacancies in the police and fire de-
partments. The bill creates positions
within the classified service as fixed
by the Penn. law, aside from the po-
lice and fire departments. Section
166, of the Penn. code, prevents the
removal of any member of these de-
partments except in accordance with
the old Section 152 of the code,
which was not changed by the new
law. They are now under civil ser-
vice regulations. Under the new code
civil service will be extended to cer-
tain employees of the other municipal
departments on January 1, 1910.
Heads of departments may remove ap-
pointees other than police or fire em-
ployees.

The Fixing of Salaries.

Quite material was a fourth ques-
tion. "When should the council
pass an ordinance fixing the salaries
of the various officials and provide
for the other matters under the new
law?" In reply Attorney-General
Denman said:
"I am of the opinion that under
Section 149 of the code, which is not
amended by the bill, and under
Section 227, which is amended
by that bill, the present Council
might provide for any increases or
decreases in salaries of persons in
the various departments and, of
course, they might provide for new
offices or positions and fix the com-
pensations of the same. And it is
equally clear that subsequent Coun-
cils might create new positions with-
in the limits of the law and provide
for other matters, except to increase
or decrease the compensation of of-
ficers during the term of such offi-
cers."

BIG FIRE LOSS

PRATT OIL COMPANY
PLANT GIVEN
SCORCHING.

Heroic Work of Firemen
Save Big Dockage of
Company.

SEVEN FIREMEN
WERE INJURED.

Battalion Chief Graham Fa-
tally Hurt by an Ex-
plosion.

Loss to Property is Esti-
mated in Excess of
\$300,000.

New York, Feb. 15.—Fire broke out this
morning at the plant of the Pratt Oil Com-
pany in Williamsburg, on East river, caus-
ing a loss of over three hundred thousand
dollars. Several tanks of oil stored at this
plant were consumed and for a time it was
feared that the fire would spread to other
buildings and to the company's big dock,
but was checked by good work of the sev-
eral fire companies, from this city, and
Williamsburg, in time to save this huge
structure and thereby preventing a loss of
much more property and possibly saving
many lives.

Battalion Chief Graham, of Williamsburg,
was fatally injured by being struck by a
tank of oil bursting and spreading. He
was taken to the city hospital, where im-
mediate aid was given him, but physicians
as the hospital report there is little chance
of recovery.
Seven firemen were injured, more or less
seriously, while fighting the flames, but
none were fatally hurt with the exception
of Battalion Chief Graham.
The fire started at 10:30 this morning in
the engine room, and rapidly spread to the
inner workings of the plant, and before the
fire engines could get in their work, the
flames had made great headway. Fighting
the fire was more hazardous owing to
the fact that there were large tanks of oil
scattered about the company's grounds
filled with oil and a fear that these would
be ignited and burst, and cause a great loss
of life, for a time held the firemen back.
Chief Graham is 35 years of age and is
married.

ASTONISHING FACTS

As to Extent of Trespassing
on Railroads of
America.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED
HAVE LOST LIVES

On Pennsylvania System
Alone During Last
Two Years.

During 1908 there were 157 fire-
passers killed and 731 injured on the
Pennsylvania railroad, according to a
report issued yesterday. Astonishing
facts are made public as to the extent
of trespassing on American railroads,
which has been the subject of much
discussion among state railroad com-
missions. The report shows that in
1907, 822 trespassers were killed. In
1908, 1,489 trespassers have lost
their lives in two years on the
Pennsylvania system alone.
The Pennsylvania points to these
figures in emphasizing the need of
recommendations of the state railroad
commissions of Pennsylvania and In-
diana, that laws should be enacted im-
posing effective punishment on all
persons who trespass upon the private
highway of either steam or electric
railways. Similar recommendations
were adopted at the meeting in
Chicago of the railroad commissioners
of the central states.
McCrea Urges Co-operation.
James McCrea, president of the
Pennsylvania system, has written a
letter to Orlando F. Lewis of the
Charity Organization Society of New
York, stating that the company has
been unable to develop co-operation
among the towns and cities along its
lines. "In prosecuting and convicting
trespassers and vagrants," he says, "the
city and town authorities are unable
at times to provide cells for trespass-
ers sentenced. Mr. McCrea makes a
strong plea for co-operation.
"One of the difficulties on railway
police force means with," he says, "is
that county authorities and their con-
stituents object to the expense en-
tailed in the maintenance of these
people. When vagrants are incarcerated
in the county jails it is seldom
that any record is taken of them."
Tramps Could Be Punished.
"With co-operation the records
would be accessible to all county au-
thorities and confirmed tramps could
be given adequate punishment."
The extent of trespassing is to be
found also in the fact that 2,989 per-
sons were arrested in 1908 for tres-
passing, 112 to vagrancy, and 1,157
for illegal riding on the Penn-
sylvania. There were 558 arrests
in 1907.

PHOENIX INN,
Findlay, Burned to Ground
This Afternoon.

Findlay, Feb. 15.—Phoenix Inn,
leading hotel burned to ground this
afternoon.

HE JOINED ARMY
BECAUSE OF LOVE.

Findlay, Feb. 15.—The love
of three parts Jackson Ind. girls,
all of whom he liked immensely,
drove Eric Richards, aged 18, of that
place to come here and join the reg-
ular army. All the baggage he had was
two large scrap books, filled with
poetry that he was giving his friends
had sent or given him. One of the
verses was:
"When distant lands divide us
And you no more I see,
Just cast your eyes upon this page
And kindly think of me."
Ethel McCoy.

Another verse read:
"The hills may rise,
The mountains fall,
My love for you
Will last through all."
Sadie McIntyre.

And still another:
"Always remember and never forget
The gray-eyed girl that loves you
yet."
R. S.

By the time the young man returns
home he is confident that he will have
decided which girl to ask to be his
bride.

Whether their talent in writing love
poems will be one of the tests he did
not say.

PLEASANT GATHERING

Enjoyed by Congregation of
Baptist Church.

The congregation of the First Baptist
church gave a very pleasant re-
ception on Friday evening to their
new pastor and his wife, Rev. and
Mrs. W. J. Cambron. Though the
weather was very threatening, the
members of the congregation and
their friends turned out in large num-
bers to welcome the newcomers, and
they were made to feel that it was
indeed a welcome in every sense of
the word.
It was quite informal, and the chief
reason for the gathering was an op-
portunity for each and every mem-
ber of the church to meet their new
pastor. Dr. T. H. Campbell and Dr. J. G.
Thomas made short talks and a num-
ber of the members of the city Min-
isterial association were present.
Dainty refreshments were served
by the Ladies' Aid society of the
church, and everyone had a pleasant
and enjoyable evening.

SENTENCE IMPOSED

In Mayor's Court Upon Per-
sons Charged With Illeg-
al Co-habitation.

OLD OFFENDER
GIVEN CHANCE

To Leave the City.—Three
Drunks Handed Usual
One and Costs.

Lulu Avery, Bessie Booth, Edward
Ford and Charles Ford were arrested
at an early hour this morning in a
house on north Jackson street on the
charge of illegal cohabitation. The
quartette were arraigned before Mayor
Becker this morning and each en-
tered a plea of guilty. After careful con-
sideration the court sentenced each
to 30 days in the Toledo work house
and imposed a \$25 fine and costs.
The women have been before the
major on several previous occasions.
Given Chance.
Joseph Hougholt, who was arrested
several days ago on the charge of as-
sault and drunkenness, was in again
this morning on the charge of vag-
rancy. The court sentenced him to
30 days in the Toledo work house,
and suspended the sentence on con-
dition that the defendant leave the city
within one hour.

LIMA-FT. WAYNE

Traction Company Defend-
ant in Damage Suit.

Judge Heaton and the jury in the
superior court at Ft. Wayne, on Sat-
urday took up the hearing of the
damage suit of the Monroeville Home
Telephone Co. against the Ft. Wayne
and Lima Traction Co., in which the
telephone company charges that
wires of the traction company
crossed its telephone wires, causing
injury to the telephone system.
The telephone company alleges that
the trolley wires were not properly
insulated and demands damages in
the sum of \$1,000. Judge W. G.
Colerick represents the plaintiff and
Cable & Furmenor, of this city, and
Judge Walter Old of Ft. Wayne,
appear for the traction company.

C. E. RALLY

Held Last Evening in Mark-
et Street Church.

The Junior Christian Endeavor
Societies of the city held their first
rally at the Market street Presby-
terian church Sunday afternoon and
in a hundred boys and girls came
through the storm from all parts of
the city, every society being repre-
sented. The church was decorated
with the Endeavor colors of red and
white and every Junior was present-
ed a badge of those colors by the
committee of boys in charge. The
state banner for junior work, which
was won by Allen county last year,
was in evidence and plans for keep-
ing it another year were discussed.
A program of regular junior work
was given and each Society showed
the splendid work they have been
accomplishing.

BULLETIN.

Washington, Feb. 15.—House of
representatives today rejected a
bill removing constitutional bar to
Knox serving as secretary of state,
821

HIGH EXPENSES

WILL ABSORB THAT SURPLUS IN A HURRY

And Create a Void in the Treasury of the State of Ohio

FOR CAMPAIGN PERSUADERS.

The Republican Managers Worked the Surplus Argument

But Present Conditions Do Not Vindicate Their Claims.

By Orwell C. Fiddle.
Columbus, O., Feb. 15.—If Gov. Harmon must use a hammer, saw and broad-ax to edit the appropriation bill after it has passed the legislature he will not hesitate to use them, and use them vigorously.

Little by little the truth leaks out that the much boasted financial surpluses of the state have been grossly exaggerated. An overflowing state treasury has been a hard worked political asset of Republican campaigns ever since the last block of the state's old bonded indebtedness was paid off during the administration of Governor Nash. An accumulating surplus has been the stool pigeon used repeatedly to fool the people of Ohio into believing that the state's finances were being "ably and economically handled" by Republican state officials, for which reason it would be a political sin to turn out the "faithful" g.o.p. stewards (of the bosses) and put in their places a lot of "inexperienced democrats" merely to gratify an unorthodox desire to have the books



REV. HERBERT S. BIGELOW,
Secretary of Ohio Direct Legislation League, Advocating the Initiative and Referendum.

perpetrated by somebody outside of the g.o.p. office-holding trust.

During the campaign last fall the surplus in the state treasury was represented as running anywhere from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000 by those who pointed to it as a monument to the wonderful business ability and reliability of Republican administration at the state house from the governor's office down to the man who feeds the squirrels.

Of course a surplus of public funds is wrong economically, and the bigger it is the more unjustifiable it is, because it means just so much money unnecessarily extorted from the pockets of the people. But the unthinking are easily persuaded to believe that the more money a state or nation has in its treasury the better off it is financially, on the same principle that the more money a man has in his pockets the better off he is. The unthinking are not supposed to reason far enough to realize that a big surplus represents too much money in the common purse and correspondingly as much less in the pockets of the people.

Superfluous drains upon the private purse for public expenditure always have been and perhaps always will be conducive to extravagance. We are about to witness new proofs of this disagreeable truth. For although the magnificent surplus of \$5,000,000 was one of the boasts of the Republican state campaign in Ohio last fall it has been a mocking with-a-whip to the house finance committee. In making up the budget of appropriations the committee finds that the father that "imagined" surplus" is pursued the smaller it goes. First it was discovered that nearly \$3,000,000 of the treasury balance would be required to meet unexpected appropriations. The exact balance of \$2,964,000, leaving an actual balance of \$2,036,000. As outlined in the committee the appropriation bill will wipe out the surplus to the extent of \$1,250,000, leaving about \$750,000. All this must be charged up to the public administration, to the state's two Democratic officials have been in office only one month and have not created any new liability. Chairman Ritter of the finance

committee has discovered that money had been borrowed at 6 per cent to pay appropriations and by the emergency board under the surplus in the treasury was being loaned out at 2 1/2 per cent. This is a fine example of state management under a Republican regime.

If the appropriation bill after all the planning cuts up nearly half the surplus it is easy to foresee that next year, with the state's revenues on a declining scale as a result of so many revenues being left out of the county option law, what is left of the surplus will be used up and the state treasury will be left in the same deplorable condition that the national treasury has been brought to by the republican administration.

Let these facts be fully understood and remembered hereafter that such is the financial condition of the state as exhibited by Governor Harmon from a Republican administration. The big \$5,000,000 surplus was an irresistible temptation. The state's money was dispensed liberally while liabilities in the form of unpaid appropriations were not charged off in the exhibits of the "magnificent surplus." This is an old trick in "expert bookkeeping," a sort of ledger-man like that of George B. Connelley, which made the growing deficit in the national treasury look like cash balances last year—and after the campaign was over.

No wonder the Republican bosses do not want Governor Harmon to have legal authority to examine state officers to find out what is wrong with the state's finances as handed down by an administration that was not willing to let go but resorted to chicanery to perpetuate as much of itself as possible through a long list of lap-over appointments confirmed by the Republican senate just before the change of administration.

On account of the shrivelling condition of the state's finances Chairman Ritter will introduce the bill proposed earlier in the session to appropriate to the state funds half of the tax collected from saloons under the Alkin law. The state now gets three-tenths, leaving the remainder to the counties from which this tax is derived for their poor fund and city police fund.

To take half of the saloon tax for state purposes will cut down the revenue of Cleveland \$235,400, Cincinnati \$235,400, Toledo \$120,000, Columbus \$99,600, and smaller cities in "wet" counties in proportion. It will not affect the "dry" counties, for they gave up the Alkin tax when they voted out the saloons.

Chairman Ritter insists that the bill to take for the state half of the saloon tax paid in wet counties must be passed this session, as he expects expenditures next year to exceed the state's total receipts by a still larger amount than this year unless something is done to increase the revenues.

Persistent effort is being made by Rev. Herbert S. Bigelow of Cincinnati, secretary of the Ohio Direct Legislation league, to get action at this session on the initiative and referendum resolution introduced in the house by Mr. Winters and in the senate by Mr. Huffman. He hopes at least to get the resolution before the house this session. If adopted the resolution will be voted on by the people at the election in 1910.

Some discussion has been had as to whether the unfinished calendar at the close of this session can be carried over to the regular session to be held next year. It is a mooted question with the doubt all on the side of the proposition. This being an extra session it is argued that its work is at an end when final adjournment is taken, and that the only way to revive any unfinished business at the next session will be to begin ab initio.

The Woods bill to create a combined tax board and public utilities commission will require considerable revision before it can accomplish its purpose at which it is aimed. Mr. Winters, Democratic floor leader in the house, says the bill in its present form will not abolish all of the state taxing boards.

The plan to combine a taxation board with a public utility commission is not in favor with Governor Harmon. The governor believes that the legislature should not go farther at this session than to create a taxation commission to supercede all of the state tax boards now in existence and give the commission a year to bring together the various taxation statutes and ascertain by actual experience where modifications are most needed in the taxing system.

All of the influences Boss Cox of Cincinnati can command are putting on pressure in behalf of the proposed amendment of the Longworth bond limit law. This law permits city councils to issue bonds for municipal purposes in the aggregate up to 4 per cent of the city tax duplicate without a vote of the people; all bond issues above that limit up to an aggregate of 8 per cent of the duplicate must be voted on by the people. What Cox wants is the wiping out of the 4 per cent restriction on council, so that the full amount of bonds a city is permitted to issue may be authorized by council without a vote of the people.

This might be a satisfactory method of city financing to Cox, but it looks like a plan to introduce "high finance" methods into all city governments in the state.

This is a matter which concerns all the people of all the cities in Ohio quite as much as it does Cox and his devotees in Cincinnati.

NOT ONE WORD

WAS SAID BY ROOSEVELT AND OTHER SPEAKERS

About the Chief Cause of Dependent and Dwarfed Children.

N. W. CUNNINGHAM TO CLOSE COURSE

Of Lectures That Have Interested People of Jackson Township.

What White Ribbon Bow Means Discussed by the W. C. T. U.

The Teachers' association of Jackson township is to be congratulated upon the fine lecture course given during the school year in the town hall for the entertainment and education of the old and young alike. This year the course has been unusually good, as it was diversified to suit the tastes of all.

The first number was Willard Gordon, a fine entertainer, who appeared in costume and made up of Roosevelt, Hughes, Lincoln, Mark Twain and other great men, giving a history of their lives as their pictures appeared upon the canvass.

The second lecture was given by Dr. P. I. Tinsing, a pleasing, instructive and entertaining talker. The doctor has been greeted by a number of audiences in Lafayette before, and has always been appreciated for the intrinsic value of his address, and because he is an Allen county boy, born and raised not far from this village. President Fess, of Antioch College, and Superintendent Davidson are appreciated for this same reason.

The third number of the course was by Ralph W. Hall, "The Mysterious Magician." His entertainment was clever and enjoyed to the fullest extent by a large audience.

The fourth number was a lecture delivered by Dr. Long, formerly president of Lima College. His subject "God's Gold" was intelligently handled, and was considered by his audience as a powerful address, full of good meat.

The fifth number was the "Virginia Warblers" who were greeted with a \$75 house in this little village. Their program consisted of real negro melodies, plantation, chautauquan and camp meeting songs.

The following Sabbath afternoon the "Warblers" gave a sacred concert in the Christian church, with Rev. Foltz and Rev. Ingle in charge of devotional exercises. Their revival and camp meeting songs were an inspiration to all present, and none more so than the song "The Old-Time Religion is Good Enough for Me." A liberal free-will offering was given at the church door for the singers.

The sixth lecture in the course will be given by Dr. A. Watkins, of Ada University. Doctor Watkins has honored us before, once on Decoration Day, and again the evening before the county local option election in Allen county, with a stirring address.

Dr. Watkins is a great preacher, a great professor, and a great statesman, and no one can afford to stay at home when he is in our town to talk on the most important issues of the day.

Hon. N. W. Cunningham, of Bluffton, who has appeared many times before appreciative audiences in Lafayette is announced for the evening of February 19th, on which occasion he will give a spicy and interesting account of his travels in foreign countries. All who have heard Mr. Cunningham's former lectures, from old to young, will guarantee an evening of pleasure and an intellectual and educational feast to all who hear him.

The parlor meeting held at the home of Mrs. Belle Taylor had for its topic, "The Mission and Influence of the White Ribbon Bow."

Devotional exercises consisted of song, prayer and the reading of the 42nd Psalm.

Readings and discussions followed in a conversational way as to what the "bow" meant to those present, what it meant to those about us, and what its meaning to the world in general.

The observation and experience of each one was that it meant help to the sick and the needy in the material world.

FOR SICK CHILDREN.

Mrs. Rose Hawthorne Lathrop, Who Has Done So Much Good Among Sick Children of New York, Recommends Vinol.

"In my work among the destitute sick I give Vinol in many cases where it would be impossible to give cod liver oil in any other form, on account of the extreme weakness of the patient's stomach. I have known Vinol to restore appetite and infuse new life in many cases of sick, weak and thin children when everything else failed. Little children seem to delight in taking Vinol."

The reason Vinol is so far superior to old-fashioned cod liver oil and emulsions is because it contains all the medicinal body-building elements of cod liver oil actually taken from fresh cod's livers with the disagreeable oil eliminated and made into a delicious food.

As a body builder and strength giver for people, sick women, feeble children after sickness, and for all pulmonary troubles, Vinol is recommended by over 5,000 of the leading druggists of the United States. Your money will be returned on demand if Vinol fails to benefit. If P. Workamp, Druggist, Lima, O.

things of life, and to the smug soul about a heavy band clasp and a perfume of the way to the suffering and sorrowing ones; that it meant flowers to the erring girl and boy and protection from the liquor traffic and its allied sins.

The white ribbon bow means purity of life and thought to the wearer, and an influence for the like upon others. The W. C. T. U. donned the white ribbon 25 years ago, at a time when there were so many people, people died against it, and it was ridiculed. But now it is honored in every community by the wisest and best, and all around the world for that little bow, going with the W. C. T. U. has belted the globe. Wear the white ribbon bow all the time and everywhere is the watchword, and let your life show forth what it represents. Then you are considered a friend and a sister on sight, and if help is needed the wearer is called upon.

The liquor dealers wear their badges indelibly stamped upon their faces, their figure and their character. The politician wears his badge, and it often stands for anything but God, home and native land, which has been so well illustrated during the last year in political campaigns, and especially in county option elections.

The mother's bow of white ribbon has led many an erring son to turn from temptation to drink when offered wine. The bow made them think of home and mother, and saved them.

"Fling it to the breeze; let it tell the world."

That the faith which has raised it will never surrender. Let it tell that the love which our banner unites is the guard of the home and the nation's defender.

This interesting program closed with prayer and the W. C. T. U. benediction:

"Acene not nature; she hath done her part. Do thou but thine."

February 5th, Rev and Mrs. Foltz entertained the W. C. T. U. the topic for the afternoon being: "Physical Education—a Temperance Measure."

A paper was read on the department of physical education, and a history of Mrs. Frances Leiter, of Mansfield, state and national superintendent of physical education—the woman who consecrated her time and ability and enthusiasm to surely advance her convictions on physical education as necessary to bring about strong bodies, strong minds and good morals, and that with such conditions children would be brought into the world with less inherent appetites for strong drink.

Physical education as taught and practiced by the W. C. T. U. in connection with the mental and moral training, is that the mind, the body and the soul have equal advantages. The motto of the white ribboners is not to educate for scholarship alone, but for a strong and noble manhood and womanhood.

Open letters to mothers on the following subjects were read and discussed:

"A sound body one of the greatest blessings of life, and why."

"Physical education a temperance measure, and why."

Rev. Foltz, Mesdames Ulrich, Dunum, Foltz, Ingle and others participated in the discussion, and the consensus of opinion was that the greatest thing in life, and the most interesting of all questions is: "How to Live?"

Through the W. C. T. U. of every county and state, the good people are writing to their congressmen and senators. The Lafayette union joins with the Bluffton union, which is taking the lead in Allen county in sending strong resolutions and petitions to Congressman W. E. Tonville to support the following measures now before congress:

To prohibit the shipment of liquor into prohibition states.

To prevent the importation of opium except under the strictest regulations.

To prohibit the sale of intoxicants in all property controlled by the United States government.

To prohibit the sale of cigarettes. Should these bills be passed then would come final prohibition, purity, prosperity and true patriotism.

The Lafayette union is sending out letters to our State Senators Shaffer and Mooney to cast their ballots for the Crist-Cleveland bill, No. 43, in the senate, and to vote against the Dean bill, which, if passed, would practically repeal the Rose law.

Our local pastors, educators, church workers, professional and business men, in fact all the good men of this vicinity, are doing their own letter writing to our statesmen.

The people of Lafayette have got beyond the point of regulating the liquor traffic, and they know and believe that prohibition is the only remedy for the 20th century slavery.

All white ribboners of the whole country read with great interest of the conference held in Washington, D. C., in the interest of and for the cause of dependent children. The address of President Roosevelt at the White House and those of many other distinguished speakers, cannot be criticized for what was said, but for what was left unsaid. In all the addresses not one word was uttered as to the chief cause of dependents and children with stunted and dwarfed bodies and brains.

Not one word was said about the sums of money wasted for intoxicating liquors, which should have gone for the necessities of life.

MARY E. MCHAFFET,
County Supl. of Press Work.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Altman*

The Parson and the Dentist.

A clergyman went to have his teeth fixed by a dentist. When the work was done the dentist declined to accept more than a nominal fee. The parson, in return for this favor, insisted later on the dentist accepting a volume of the recent gentleman's own writing. It was a disquisition on the psalms, and on the fly leaf he had inscribed this appropriate quotation:

"And my mouth shall show forth thy praise."—Harper's Weekly



DANIEL VOORHEES PIKE IN "THE MAN FROM HOME"

A AUDITOR BARBER.

The records at Washington show that William B. Dulany is an employee of the auditor of the navy. He is carried on the pay roll at a salary of \$1,600 per year.

He does not audit the navy much, however, and his attend is greatly out of proportion to his contribution to our standing as a sea power.

However, the president is commander-in-chief of the army and navy, and Mr. Dulany's job may as well be charged to the one as the other. The fact is, however, that he comes no nearer naval matters than to shave the president every day just before luncheon.

Carping critics may think that a president drawing \$50,000 per year might pay his own barber's bills; but the fact is that we can better afford to pay Mr. Dulany \$2,500 a year than to have the president shave himself or be shaved by a barber less skillful than Mr. Dulany.

Mr. Roosevelt is perhaps no harder to shave than other men with equally hard heads, but his hair is precious and he transacts business with both his and jaws while he is shaving. Those who have seen Mr. Roosevelt talk know that all his features are in active, not to say violent, motion all the time.

Yet Mr. Dulany, as born to ride the storm, scrapes away calmly, never cuts the Rooseveltian lips, never breaks his razor on the Rooseveltian teeth, and makes it possible for the president to use every second of the shaving period. It is considered a great thing for a newspaper man in Washington to be accorded the shaving time and enterprises of great path and moment are forwarded or squelched by words shot forth through Mr. Dulany's father.

Whatever account he is paid from Mr. Dulany earns his money. Mr. Roosevelt at the rate of \$11 an hour for his day's work. Mr. Dulany saves to this great nation half an hour, or \$7 worth of this time every day. He does not cut the ex-

Gave Him All the Lot.

"So that is your final word?" said the rejected one. "Very well, then, America. In your presence I will cut the life you have mislead."

He drew forth a small bottle labeled "Poison," drank off the contents and fell senseless at her feet. But he was not dead, he was only unconscious.

No. She hastily left the room and in two minutes had returned and was kneeling beside him. Then she forced between his lips the following: First a cup of turpentine, one pint of pure orange juice, a glass of mustard and water, a glass of vinegar, the juice of a lemon, the beaten whites of six eggs and one cup of flour and water.

"Altogether," she observed coldly as he slowly opened his eyes, "it is evident you had forgotten that I am a graduate of a correspondence course in first aid. My one regret is that, as I could not on the instant ascertain whether you had taken an acid or an alkali, I was compelled to administer all the antidotes I had learned." London Echo.

Suggested as a daily prayer of gratitude for some fortunate men. "And I wish to give thanks, most of all, because my wife is a good manager."

Foley's Honey and Tar cleanses the passages, stops the irritation of the throat, soothes the inflamed membranes, and the most obstinate cough disappears. Sore and inflamed lungs are healed and strengthened, and the cold is expelled from the system. Refuse any but the genuine in the yellow package. Sold by Wm. M. Melville, old postoffice corner.

THE STAGE.

"The Man From Home," tonight. A performance to which very great interest attaches and one whose presentation has been anticipated for months is that of "The Man From Home" at the Fauntleroy (Lima, N. Y.) and Chicago for our agents could find no terms too handsome to express their appreciation of the masterpiece of American stage production. It is a home made production, the middle west by Booth Tarkenton and Harry Levin Wilson and the loves, hopes, ambitions and aspirations of life in the central state illuminate the burning passion of international marriages, the suffering of the flower of fashion, American girlhood upon the stage, out-actors of down-at-the-heels and utterly destitute-in-painful. It is a masterpiece of American stage production. 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TO OUR PATRONS.

There is a notable absence of live
and all-around the world telegraphic
news and not the usual covering of
the local field in this issue of the
Times-Democrat. The publishers re-
spect this falling of in giving their
readers all the news and nothing but
the news, but it could not be avoided.
For only half an hour this morning
did we have a telegraph wire, and
telephone communication with the
outside world and to outlying points
in the city were all broken.

The field has been covered as
thoroughly as possible under exist-
ing conditions, and we are assured
by both telegraph and telephone
superintendents that with a resump-
tion of the storm by tonight we and
our thousands of readers can expect
the usual comprehensive service for
tomorrow.

HEALTH MEASURE.

Senate Bill No. 24, introduced at
the request of the State Board of
Health, provides that in all schools
and colleges, supported in whole or
in part by the state, suitable instruc-
tions in the cause and prevention of
tuberculosis shall be given and that
the State Board of Health in con-
junction with the commissioner of
common schools shall furnish to
teachers a basis for such instructions.
It further provides that the State
Board of Health may provide for two
traveling tuberculosis exhibits, and
employ two lecturers to accompany
such exhibits. The exhibits are to
consist of models, charts, photo-
graphs, stereoscopic views, etc., to
illustrate the subject of tuberculosis
and its causation, prevention and
cure. The exhibit is to be sent to
any city or village upon the re-
quest of council, board of health, or
one hundred citizens thereof, free of
expense except for hall rent.

Massachusetts, New York, Rhode
Island, Maryland, Pennsylvania,
Minnesota, Iowa and California have
all made provisions for similar ex-
hibits.

The measure should become a law.

FROM THE COMMONER.

A combination of wireless tele-
graphy and painless passengers is
a happy one in case of a collision at
sea.

A number of republican legisla-
tors in Oregon felt called upon to
apologize and explain for voting as
they had agreed to vote.

One is to be pardoned for looking
askance upon the legislators who feel
it incumbent upon them to apologize
for keeping a solemn pledge made to
the people who elected them.

Some of these days the west,
which feeds the country, and the
south, which clothes the country, will
combine politically against that small
section of the east which exploits the
country.

Ideally, now, would it be surpris-
ing if somebody dug up a law pro-
viding for the punishment of flippant
paragraphers who made caustic
comment concerning ex-presidential
hunting trips?

How to Make a Cup of Cocoa.

Take a tablespoonful of cocoa and
put it in a tin cup. Add one teaspoon-
ful of granulated sugar and one table-
spoonful of boiling water. Mix well,
so that there will not be any lumps of
cocoa. Pour a little less than one
half pint of milk into a saucepan and
cook it, stirring all the time, until
it is scalded—that is, until a film
forms on it and it begins to bubble a
little. Stir the cocoa mixture into
this and cook until it boils up.—De-
lineator.

Businesslike.

The Beloved One: You ought to
marry because he's not businesslike.
Stern Parent: Certainly; he's only af-
ter you for your money. Beloved One:
Well, pa, doesn't that prove he's
businesslike?—Kansas City Independent.

Not a Matter of Chance.

The Viceroy is true. Samuel, that
your father allows games of chance to
be played in your house. The Boy:
There ain't no chance about it, sur;
they all cheat!—London Opinion.

Where there is much pretension
and less than borrowed, nature never
pretends. —Lafayette.

TALKS ON ADVERTISING

V.—Getting New Customers And Holding Them

By Henry Herbert Huff

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"Mr. Business Man, it costs just so much for running ex-
penses—rent, light, fuel, clerk hire—whether you sell ten or a
hundred dollars' worth of goods per day, does it not? You call
them fixed expenses. Now, the only way to lower fixed expenses
is to increase sales. Up to a certain point all excess business
brings you an added profit. It pays to lay hold on all you possibly
can. Advertising offers the best means for increasing trade.
New customers are attracted by leaders—merchandise at un-
usually low prices. An instance is told of an old lady who came nine
miles to get a spool of cotton thread for 3 cents, but she purchased
several dollars' worth of goods before leaving the store. The ad-
vertiser has accomplished its mission when it gets a prospective patron
within the doors. That is the most difficult part. It is then up
to the merchant to make the most of the opportunity and win
him for a permanent customer.

"The merchant who utilizes newspaper publicity has the whole
world to draw trade from. He is confined to no particular neigh-
borhood. He knows no barriers. Whenever he can send his ad-
vertising, there he can solicit business. Some of the more ambi-
tious country merchants are drawing business from the big towns! The advertiser's opportunities are unlimited. Through the news-
paper he can reach people he never saw or who perhaps never
heard of his store."

"But how about holding them?"
"That depends quite as much upon the merchant as the adver-
tising. If customers receive satisfaction, they will continue to
come. But nothing HOLDS them like continued bargain offers.
Have a few new specials every Saturday. Keep the farmers guess-
ing what will come next."

"What advice can you give to the dealer starting in business?"
"What more at variance with good judgment could be imagined
than for a merchant to come to town, rent a store, fill the shelves
and counters with new goods, arrange attractive displays in the
windows, put competent salesmen behind the counters and then—
WAIT for business; WAIT for people to come in and buy; WAIT
for them to find out what he has to sell; WAIT for the public to
learn of his very existence? And yet it is not uncommon for one
to do this! Advertising would have carried all such information to
prospective buyers. He spares no expense to have stock and fix-
tures the finest and yet neglects the greatest essential of all. Should
you inquire why he spends nothing for publicity he would probably
say that pleased patrons and his window displays are sufficient ad-
vertising. Word of mouth publicity is the best, but it is too slow.
Gossip has wings, but favorable news travels slowly. And as to the
window—a newspaper announcement is often necessary to call at-
tention to it."

RAILROAD BREVITIES.

Large Bond Issue.
New York, Feb. 15.—The public
service commission for the Second
district granted the Erie's petition for
permission to issue \$30,000,000 thirty-
five year 5 per cent bond bonds. The
permission was not granted by the
unanimous consent of the commission.
A minority reporting against it.
As the decision is early interpreted,
the Erie company is permitted to is-
sue bonds to the extent of \$11,250,000
for the purpose of paying interest on
maturing bonds, this permission be-
ing conditional upon the expenditure
of an equal amount on improvements
from earnings.

Erie's present financial situation
first developed 13 months ago, when
the monthly net earnings decreased
to less than \$200,000, leaving a deficit
of more than \$300,000 to meet fixed
charges.

In April last the situation became
acute. Then \$5,500,000 in notes be-
came due, with no funds with which
to meet them. In this contingency
I. P. Morgan and E. H. Harriman called
a meeting of the various interests
in Erie, which lasted all night. At
its conclusion Mr. Harriman agreed
to take up the notes on his own re-
sponsibility. Subsequently it was ar-
ranged to fund the coupons on the
prior and general lien bonds due in
July and January by the sale of notes.
It is to take up these notes and
other floating indebtedness that one-
half of the \$30,000,000 in bonds will
be issued.

Pending receipt of the full decision
of the commission with the majority
and minority reports, Frederick D.
Underwood, president and other of-
ficers of the Erie, refused to discuss
the action of the commission in grant-
ing the company's petition.

When the news of the decision was
received, Mr. Underwood said it was
the only logical decision that could
have been reached, that it meant
great things for the Erie, and a great
deal for the railroad situation gener-
ally.

That the commission should have
advised a day in which there was no
market was not surprising, in view of
the policy it has followed of withhold-

ing all announcements of importance
until after the markets have closed.

Wall street was deserted when the
news came, but those few who were in
the district expressed pleasure that
the matter, which has been pending
some weeks, and worried traders gener-
ally, had at last been disposed of.
Uncertainty as to the action of the
commission has been a retarding fac-
tor so far as progress of the market
has been concerned.

Division of the commission on the
question was not the great surprise
that it might otherwise have been, the
long time repeated quest for addi-
tional information having given the
impression that there was serious
doubt on the part of some members
of the commission as to the propriety
of granting the application. The di-
vision also reflects the divergence of
opinion upon the question among
brokers and financial men generally.

Ran Pathfinder.

The Pennsylvania 18-hour special
on this division last night, passed
through Lima preceded by a freight
engine and caboose as a precaution
against the fast train crashing into
poles or trees that might have fallen
across the track.

Home, Sweet Home.

The old man sat on the park seat,
rivers of tears flooding his cheeks. A
sympathetic passerby, noting the high
tide, stopped and asked if he were ill.

"Yes, sir," said the sorrowing old
fellow. "I've just 'ad bad news from
home. The house that 'as sheltered me
for years is to be torn down, and I
haven't a penny to my name to stop it.
Everybody will be turned out, and
goodness knows what'll happen to 'em."
"Poor soul!" said the sympathetic
passerby, bestowing a penny on the
sad old man. "That isn't much, but
you are welcome to it. And where is
this old home of yours, my friend?"

"Up at the jail, sir," replied the old
man. "It seems very hard. I've lived
there five and twenty years."—London
Opinion.

We are not a pessimist, but of late
years, it does seem that the tornado
has cut in ahead of the swallow as a
harbinger of spring.

For Stomach Troubles

When there is distress after eating or drinking, or your food
doesn't "set well," the digestion is changed and the stomach needs to
be toned and strengthened. A natural appetite and a perfect di-
gestion can be assured and you will enjoy your food if you will get
a box of

Beecham's Pills

and use them according to the simple directions printed on the wrapper.
Acute indigestion, lassitude, flatulence, "qualmsiness," and other
uncomfortable and distressing sensations after eating, are quickly
righted with a dose or two of these little wonder workers for a weak
digestion. In all acute forms of stomach trouble Beecham's Pills

Are Wonderfully Effective

In boxes 10c. and 25c., with full directions

A Remarkable Eczema Cure.

No More Hopeless Cases of The
Itching Disease.

Eczema has long been one of the
most dreaded of diseases, not only
from the suffering and humiliation it
entails, but also because of the dif-
ficulty hitherto found in curing it.
Doctors have failed, and the desper-
ate patients have resorted to much
advised "cures," remedies only
to meet with disappointment. Now
all this is changed.

A safe and speedy cure for eczema
absolutely unobtainable as thousands
are ready to testify, has at last
been found. The "Eczema"
has established itself solely on its
merits as an infallible blood puri-
fier and skin cleanser. Its use has
enormously increased within a brief
period as its efficacy has been learned.

For not alone is this remedy ef-
fectual in the worst cases of eczema,
but it is probably the quickest and
easiest remover of all skin blemishes,
such as pimples, black heads, acne,
herpes, etc. Barber, etc., that
has ever been recovered. Often one
application over night, clears the
complexion.

A free descriptive booklet is is-
sued by the Dr. Taylor Remedy Co.,
Philadelphia, and the remedy and
booklet can be obtained at Wm. M.
Melville's drug store, Lima, O., and
at all first-class druggists.

NORTHWEST - OHIO

Interurban High School Or-
atorical Contest to be
at Kenton.

DATE IS FIXED

FOR MAY THE 19TH.

Fifteen Rigid Rules Have
Been Prepared to
Govern It.

Superintendent N. E. Hutchinson,
of the Kenton schools is sending out
to the schools of Northwestern Ohio
copies of the rules governing the In-
terurban High School oratorical con-
test to be held at Kenton in the
Grand opera house, on Friday eve-
ning, May 14, 1909.

The rules are as follows:

1. No oration shall exceed eight minutes in length.
2. Any member of the senior class of 1908 who has been prepared for this contest by the regular teachers is eligible to enter the contest.
3. Two typewritten copies of each oration must be sent to Principal J. T. Glenn, so as to reach him not later than May 1st.
4. Two judges shall be appointed. Both shall be outside the limits of the territory.
5. In the grading, thought, composition and originality shall count half, and delivery shall count half.
6. The maximum grade of each judge shall be 100.
7. Three prizes in gold shall be given. First prize \$15.00, second prize \$10.00, third prize, \$5.00.
8. The traveling expenses and hotel bill of each contestant will be paid.
9. The contest will be held in the Grand Opera House.
10. Each delegation will have its place in the Grand Opera House.
11. Superintendent or principal is to have charge of its delegation and be responsible for good order. We want to sustain the fine record of the past few years.
12. An admission fee of 35 cents will be charged.
13. Notice of entrance to the contest should be sent to J. T. Glenn as soon as decided.
14. The following eleven counties are included in the territory: Auglaize, Allen, Van Wert, Paulding, Putnam, Hancock, Hardin, Wyandot, Marion, Crawford and Richland.
15. No street parades will be permitted, and no school will be allowed to participate in the contest unless the contestant is accompanied by the superintendent or principal.

N. E. HUTCHINSON,
J. T. GLENN.

The Crime of Idleness.
Idleness means trouble for any
one. Its name with a lazy liver,
it causes constipation, headache,
jaundice, sallow complexion, pimples
and blotches, loss of appetite,
nervous, but Dr. King's New Life
Pills soon banish liver troubles and
build up your health. 25c at H. F.
Vortkamp's.

Carving Scissors.

"I thought I knew all about scis-
sors," said the man. "I had seen rail-
road scissors for cutting heavy cloth,
dressmakers' scissors for cutting flimsy
fabrics and lace and still other scissors
for cutting paper, finger nails, grape-
vines, all kinds of metals and even for
shearing sheep, but in spite of that
wide knowledge of scissors I was pur-
chasing when I saw the large, peculiarly
shaped pair of scissors lying in the
showcase.

"What are these scissors for?" I
asked the clerk.
"Carving meat," he said. "With
scissors of this kind carving becomes
mere child's play."
"I never saw anybody use them,"
said I.

"Nobody does use them," said the
clerk. "That is, only a very few. In
Europe carving scissors are popular
because they cut right through meat,
gristle, bone and all, but it takes a
little practice to learn to manipulate
the things, and nobody in this country
has patience enough for that." Ex-
change.

Horse coughs and stuffy colds
that may develop into pneumonia
over night are quickly cured by Fol-
ley's Honey and Tar, and it soothes
inflamed membranes, heals the lungs
and expels the cold from the system.
Sold by Wm. M. Melville, old post-
office corner.

An Appreciation of Lincoln

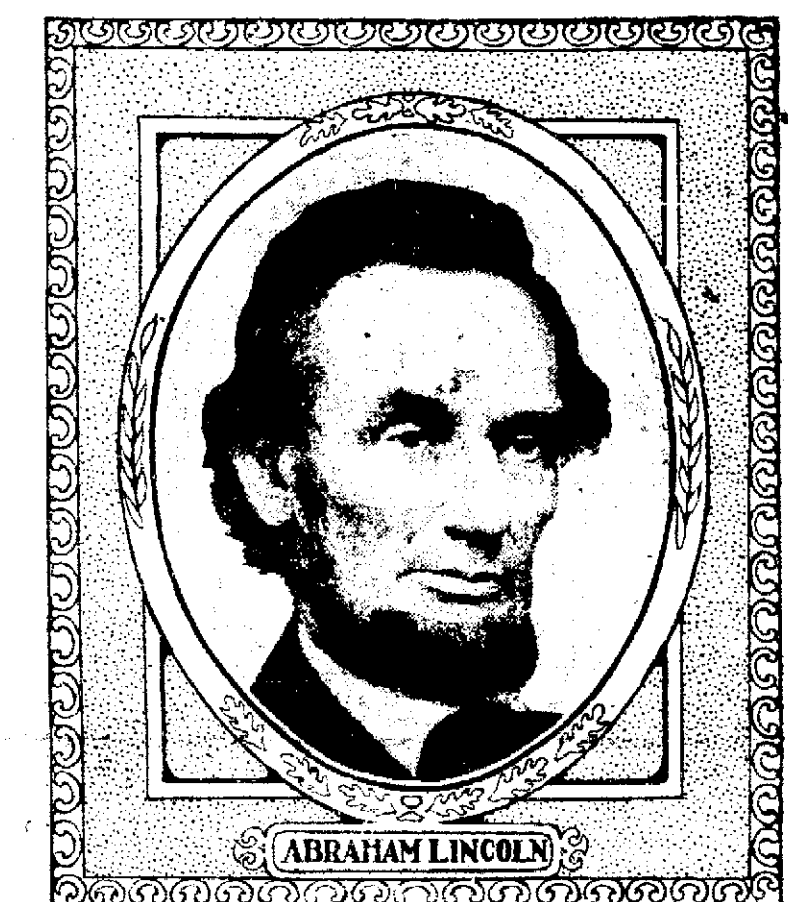
By Robertus Love

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SOMEWHAT down that round Hodgenville, Kaintucky,
Or tharabouts, a hundred year ago,
Was born a boy ye wouldn't thought was lucky;
Looked like he never wouldn't have a show.
But * * * I don't know.
That boy was started middlin' well, I'm thinkin'.
His name? W'y, it was Abraham—Abe Lincoln.

PORE whites his folks was? Yes, as pore as any.
Them pioneers, they wa'n't no plutocrats;
Belonged right down among the humble many,
And no more property than dogs or cats.
But * * * maybe that's
As good a way as any for a startin'.
Abe Lincoln, he riz middlin' high, for sartin'!

SOMEHOW I've always had a sort o' sneak'in'
Idee that peddygreys is purty much
Like monkeys' tails—so long they're apt to weaken
The yap that drags 'em round. No use for such!
But * * * beats the Dutch
How now and then a lad like Little Aby
Grows up a president—or guv'nor, maybe.



ABE LINCOLN never had no reg'lar schoolin';
He never quarterbacked nor pulled stroke oar,
Nor never spent his time and money foolin'
With buried langwidges and ancient lore.
But * * * Abe I'arned more
To set him forrerd in the human filin'
Than all the college fellers' kit and bilin'.

ABE LINCOLN never did git hifalutin—
Not even thar in Washin'ton, D. C.
He jist kep' common, humble, ord'n'ry, suitin'
His backwoods corn patch raisin' to a T.
But * * * jiminy gee!
W'y, Abe was any statesman's peer and ekul
And wise as Solomon or old Ezekul.

I RECKON I'm a bit old fashioned, maybe,
But when I want a pattern for a man
I'm middlin' shore to measure Father Aby
And cut to fit his homely human plan.
And long 's I can
I'm hootin' loud and rootin' proud, by huckey,
For that old boy from Hodgenville, Kaintucky!

FRATERNAL ORDER

Of Eagles Yesterday Enter-
tained Various State
Officials.

DATES SETTLED

FOR CONVENTION.

First Four Days of June

Will be Time for As-
sembling of Aeries.

A very important meeting was held
yesterday afternoon at the club rooms
of the local Aerie of Eagles, when the
executive committee of the state met
in session with the Lima lodge for the
purpose of deciding upon the date for
the coming state convention.

Among the visitors from out of town
were W. E. Haas, mayor of Delaware,
Ohio; F. D. King, city auditor of the
same city; Hugo Babler, editor of the
Engle Messenger, of Cincinnati; F. O. E.
Mayer, state conductor of the F. O. E.,
and Frank H. Dotie, state resident, of
Cincinnati, with other state officials
from Toledo and Zanesville.

Though other matters were discuss-
ed the principal business was the ap-
pointment of the dates for the con-
vention. This will be held June 1, 2,
3, and 4, and from now on the local
men will make every effort to make
the meeting one long to be remem-
bered in the annals of the Eagles.
The date placed so early in the year
makes an innovation for the Eagles,
as heretofore the conventions have al-
ways been held in the late autumn.
It was thought best by the committee,
however, to select an earlier date
this season, before so many of the
countless conventions that all the
summer months, had been held, and
interest in such affairs had waned in
great measure.
An informal reception followed the
business session yesterday afternoon,
when an opportunity was given all the
local members to meet the state of-
ficials.

For That Terrible Itching.

Eczema, tetter and salt rheum
keep their victims in perpetual tor-
ment. The application of Chamber-
lain's Salve will instantly allay this
itching and many cases have been
cured by its use. For sale by all
druggists.

ELK'S FAIR, FEBRUARY 18TH TO 22ND, MEMORIAL BUILDING.

Jan 23-31

Hexamethylenetetramine.

The above is the name of a Germ-
an chemical, which is one of the
many valuable ingredients of Foley's
Kidney Remedy. Hexamethylenete-
tramine is recognized by medical text-
books and authorities as a uric acid
solvent and antiseptic for the urine.
Take Foley's Kidney Remedy as soon
as you notice any irregularities and
avoid a serious malady. Sold by Wm.
M. Melville, old postoffice corner.

FAUROT OPERA HOUSE

TONIGHT.

Liebier & Co. present

THE MAN FROM HOME.

With the only company Liebier
& Co. have on tour in this

Success of the Century.

Prices 25c to \$1.50.

SEATS NOW READY.

WANTED—Gris, sixteen years of
age and upward to learn the cigar
making trade. Will pay \$3.00 per
week for the first month, \$3.50 per
week for the second month; there-
after so much per hundred cigars.
After trade has been acquired can
earn from \$8.00 to \$12.00 per
week depending entirely on skill
and speed of worker. Apply either
factory. The Delsel-Wemmer
Co. 10047

WANTS, FOR RENT, LOST,
FOR SALE, ETC.

WANTED.

SALESMAN WANTED—We will
teach you in eight weeks to be a
high grade traveling salesman, and
assist you to secure a position.
Hundreds of good openings for our
graduates. Scores of them who pre-
viously earned from \$25 to \$75 a
month, now earn from \$100 to
\$500. If you want to enter the
well paid profession in the west,
write our nearest office today to
fill particulars. Address Dept.
C-99, National Salesman's Train-
ing Association, New York, Kansas
City, Minneapolis, San Francisco.
8-617

FOR RENT.

OR RENT—A desirable flat on ear-
line, at corner of Metcalf and
Vine streets. Call at The Park
Grocery. 0617-17

FOR RENT—Desirable office rooms
in Metropolitan Block. For par-
ticulars, call at Metropolitan
Bank. 6-11

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—40 acres 2 1/2 miles from
Lima, 6 room house, large barn,
250 bearing fruit trees, 4 acres
small fruit, good income from
fruits, or will rent to responsible
party. Inquire 742 West High.
New phone 1357-M. Call in the
morning. Jan 16-d-241-sat-17

OR SALE—Farms, city and town
property. We sell property any
old place—Ohio and Texas a spe-
cialty. If you wish to buy, sell or
exchange real estate or business,
call or address Co-Operative Em-
igration Co., W. D. Myers, Man-
West Cairo, Ohio. 64-wkly-frl dly-frt-sat-17

LOST.

LOST—3 weeks ago on west Market
car, at corner of Metcalf and Vine
streets, a silver bracelet made of
diamonds, five and three cent pieces.
Finder please at this office and re-
ceive reward.

MINE PRODUCTION

Of Silver, Copper, Lead, and Zinc in
the Central States in 1907.

The value of the silver, copper,
lead, and zinc produced by the mines
of the central states—Arkansas, Kan-
sas, Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, Min-
nesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, and
South Dakota—in 1907 reached a total
of \$77,627,457, according to a new re-
port issued by the U. S. Geological
Survey as an advance chapter from
"Mineral Resources of the United
States, Calendar Year 1907."

Lead and zinc were reported from
all the states except Michigan, where
reported copper and silver, and Kan-
sas, which reported lead and silver.
Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma,
and Wisconsin produced no silver.

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of the central states—Arkansas, Kan-
sas, Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, Min-
nesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, and
South Dakota—in 1907 reached a total
of \$77,627,457, according to a new re-
port issued by the U. S. Geological
Survey as an advance chapter from
"Mineral Resources of the United
States, Calendar Year 1907."

Production by States.

The total value of the production
of each state is shown in the follow-
ing table:

Arkansas (zinc and lead)	\$1,500,000
Illinois (zinc, lead, and silver)	15,000,000
Iowa (lead and zinc)	10,000,000
Kansas (zinc and lead)	2,500,000
Kentucky (zinc and silver)	1,000,000
Michigan (copper and silver)	1,000,000
Missouri (lead, zinc and silver)	25,000,000
Oklahoma (zinc and lead)	25,000,000
Wisconsin (zinc and lead)	2,500,000
Total	\$77,627,457

Statistics Obtained from the
Mines.

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LIST OF CANDIDATES

For Portsmouth Ohio State
Team Completed by Mgr.
Billy Doyle.

CONTRACTS SENT
CHAMPION LANKS.

Date for Reporting Set.—
Mgr. O'Day Has Signed
a New Twirler.

Portsmouth, O., Feb. 15.—With a new grandstand well adorned, new uniforms selected and a list of team candidates complete, Portsmouth fans have had some time to talk about last week and begin to make a lively interest in the game for the coming season. Since the less interesting was the announcement that Chas. Spencer, a promising first baseman of the champions, who was sold to Toledo at the close of last season, will not be with the local team. He will have no opposition for a place on the team. Manager Billy Doyle, while conceding the Washington Hotel pool was a bunch of players together who he feels confident of being able to select a winner and other League clubs will soon be that the Shoemakers will be no claimant but promises that Shoemakers will be heard from. Doyle expects the team to be particularly fortified behind the bat. He has as good as landed Clarence Johnson, the much touted Cincinnati star, and has signed Jetsey, an pitcher of Williamson, W. Va., who will receive a try-out. The pitching staff will be selected among Johns, who did such effective work last year; Rose, a Pennsylvanian; Schultz, of Youngstown; Miller, of the Central League; Cant, of Cincinnati; Orlenton, of this city; Santos, of Cincinnati; Hudson, of Bradford; Strubins, of Pennsylvania; and Cross, a two-pounder, of Elgardon, W. Va. Manager Bill Almont, of Toledo, has also agreed to give the Shoemakers first choice at one of his twirlers. Hornum will fight it out for the short field with Baumann, of Indianapolis and Kibler, of Columbus. O'Neill, of the Tri-State League, and Dillon, of the South-Michigan League, will try for second base. Wagoner, of Knoxville, and Selwach, of Indianapolis, will be out for third base. Torman is the only one of the team's outfielders of last year to be retained and others signed by Doyle are McIver, a Southern League, Theobald, of Shreveport; Wallace, of the Connecticut League, and Jack Jetsey, of St. Louis, brother of Catcher Jetsey. The players have been ordered to report April 1, and will make a number of trips before the opening of the season, including a swing over the Blue Grass circuit. Exhibition games will also be played at home and Portsmouth fans will get their first glimpse of the New York Giants when they play the Shoemakers, April 2. S. Strauss, the popular president of the club, will give a banquet complimentary to his associates Washington's birthday. All of the other heads of clubs in the league and President Quinn and Secretary Read will be invited to attend. Lanks Get Busy. Lancaster, O., Feb. 15.—Contracts will be sent out this week by President Davidson to the champion Lanks that were placed on the reserve list last fall and at the same time they will be notified to report here on April 8 for practice. The players who will receive contracts are Dyer and Welsh, catchers; Locke and McGuire, pitchers; Gowdy and Reynolds, first base; Brown, second base; Humphreys, shortstop; Lallier, third base; Lyons, outfield. Manager Fox has accepted terms and a contract is now on the road to him, as is also the case with Robert Stoser, a pitcher, recommended by Lallier, of Waterbury, Conn. The youngsters who have already signed contracts are Floyd Manger, of Bush, and Collins, of Smithville, pitchers, who made a good showing last fall with the Lanks. Other new ones are H. McGrainer, of Athens; Harry Peart, Buchtel, E. A. Donald, Columbus; Harry Brooker, South Portsmouth; Roy Howard Cochran, Charleston; W. V. Harry Rinnick, Sabina. These are all pitchers and some highly recommended. Games have already been arranged with the Zanesville and Dayton teams of the Central League. Zanesville will play here April 13 and 20, and the champions will go to Zanesville on the 14th and 15th of April. On April 21 and 25 the Lanks go to Dayton for two games with the old Soldiers. Word was received from Manager Fox, who is spending the winter at home in Pittsburgh, Pa., that he has several promising players that he is looking after to strengthen the Lanks. He has a fine out for a pitcher that he says will fill up one of the holes left by the loss of Justus, White and Mark. President Davidson is bound to have the public know that the Lanks won the first pennant in the Ohio State League by having placed the words "Champions" upon the breast of their 1931 uniforms. He is as proud of the title as the players are and will endeavor to put a team in the field this spring that will hold onto the title, it possible. Conklin Signs With Marion. Marion, Feb. 15. Ben Conklin, an outfielder with Oil City in the Interstate League, has accepted terms with Marion and Manager O'Day announces that he believes a live wire has been picked up. Conklin is reputed to be fast and to have a good arm. Any one wanting a water well drilled will please write or call by telephone C. H. Mosier, Elida, O. All work guaranteed. 8-27. Toss a Glorious Victory. There's rejoicing in Fedora, Tenn. A man's life has been saved and now Dr. King's New Discovery is the talk of the town for curing C. V. Pepper, of deadly lung hemorrhages. "I could not work nor get about," he writes, "and the doctors did me no good, but, after using Dr. King's New Discovery three weeks, I feel like a new man, and can do good work again." For weak, sore or diseased lungs, coughs and colds, hemorrhages, fever, la grippe, asthma or any bronchial affection it stands unrivaled. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free. Sold and guaranteed by H. F. 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OCTOGENARIAN

Died After Long Illness
With Dropsy.

Miss Elizabeth Crowder, an aged woman living at 122 south Cole street, died yesterday morning at 7 o'clock, her death resulting from a long illness with dropsy. The deceased was born at Dayton, O., February 4, 1828, and died at the home of Mrs. Anna Harrison. She was a sister of Thomas Crowder, but had no other near relatives here. The funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the old-time Methodist church, and interment will be made at Woodlawn.

A SOLUTION OFFERED

G. F. Richings Talks of Industrial Education for the Negro.

VIEWS PROBLEM IN PRACTICAL WAY

Prominent Lima People Are Donors to the Curry Institute.

A representative audience last night greeted G. F. Richings, traveling representative of the Curry Normal and Industrial Institute, located at Urbana, where it is sought to build up a second Tuskegee. He spoke in the Congregational church on industrial education and the race problem, with many stereoscopic pictures to illustrate for Curry Institute, which is intended to fit colored boys and girls to become useful citizens by teaching them trades and domestic arts and also to equip them to become teachers among their own people.

The board of directors is composed of white men. W. W. Wilson, cashier of the Citizens National Bank at Urbana, being the chairman of the board; Prof. E. W. B. Curry, an intelligent and well-educated negro, is at the head of the institution. He is heralded by his friends as a second Booker T. Washington, and it is aimed to make the Urbana school the Tuskegee of the north.

Mr. Richings had a fair audience to hear his lecture and see the time-light pictures used to illustrate it. His claim is that the solution of the negro problem is through educational channels, as the educated, industrious negro is not the one that commits crime. Pictures of many of the successful negroes in the United States were shown and sketches of their lives given by the speaker, who said the negro is here to stay and it is not a question whether we love him or not, but the problem is what to do with him and how to lessen the dangers his uneducated presence threatens. At the close of the war there were about 3,500,000 colored people in the country. That number has increased to fully 10,000,000 at the present time.

Mr. Richings did not attempt to land the negro to the skies, but simply to present conditions as they are and offer what he believed was the solution of the vexatious problem. While many are intelligent and successful, a large proportion is on a very low plane, and the aim ought to be to elevate them. The theory advanced was that an industrious negro is necessarily better than a lazy, shiftless one. The importance of such a school in Ohio is shown when

it is recalled that the state has a very large negro population.

Slow But Sure Growth. Curry Institute, now located in Urbana, hopes to move on its own farm of 75 acres near that city, within a year or two. It has about 100 students, now very unsatisfactorily housed. Last year it raised all the vegetables required by its commissariat, on its farm, besides having some to sell.

Mr. Richings stated last night that Lima was the first city he visited in the interest of Curry school and the first money given towards the purchase of the farm the school now owns was given by Mr. J. B. Kerr, and the next gift came from J. D. S. Neely, R. T. Gregg, E. W. Holmes, W. A. Campbell, G. S. Vicary, King & Gray, Maize Bros., Cable & Parmenter, Jos. W. Halfhill, L. H. Kirby and others for which the board feels very thankful.

A Common Cold. We claim that if catching cold could be avoided some of the most dangerous and fatal diseases would never be heard of. A cold often forms a culture bed for germs of infectious diseases. Consumption, pneumonia, diphtheria and scarlet fever, four of the most dangerous and fatal diseases, are of this class. The culture bed formed by the cold favors the development of the germs of these diseases, that would not otherwise find lodgment. There is little danger, however, of any of these diseases being contracted when a good expectorant cough medicine like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is used. It cleans out these culture beds that favor the development of the germs of these diseases. That is why this remedy has proved so universally successful in preventing pneumonia. It not only cures your cold quickly, but minimizes the risk of contracting these dangerous diseases. For sale by all druggists.

SUMMER OUTING
Knights of Columbus Will be at Cedar Point.

The annual summer outing for the Knights of Columbus of Ohio and adjoining states is to be held this year at Cedar Point the week of July 4. Norwalk Council, which was selected to entertain the outing, has announced the date and has commenced sending out announcements. From Norwalk and Sandusky, 11,000 envelopes containing announcements and a copy of a paper to be known as "Outing," will be sent each month from now until July to members of the order in Ohio and a portion of the order in the state. The outing is expected, will be the largest ever held by the organization.

QUARTETTE OF VAGS
Arrested and Fined Today by Squire Everett.

Deputy Sheriff Howersack received a call from residents of west Spring street this morning about 5:30 o'clock, stating that a quartette of bad looking strangers were making the rounds of the neighborhood do-

PURPLE and WHITE THE ELKS' WEEK PIANO SALE.

REDUCED PRICES FOR TEN DAYS.
SEE OUR PIANOS! SEE OUR PRICES!

53 beautiful Upright Pianos cut in price to make room for our big Spring purchase of Instruments which are now beginning to arrive.

One Anderson manufactured by the Anderson Piano Co., Van Wert—finest style, beautiful case. \$225
One Porter & Son antique oak case, fine tone and action, \$350 piano been rented just like new. \$165
One King large size fine mahogany case. Some Lima dealers ask \$325 for same piano. \$185
One Adam Schaff dark mahogany case, medium size elegant tone. \$175
One player piano, a \$650 instrument and one of the best on the market reduced to the price of an upright piano. SEE IT.

The above are but a few of the many big bargains and in addition we are offering such famous pianos as the Geo. Steck & Co., Everett, Shoninger, J. & C. Fischer, Bush and Lane, Harvard, Smith & Nixon, Ebersole, Cable, Wellington, Kirschner, and a dozen other makes at from \$50 to \$125 less than regular retail price. A visit to our store during the big Elk Week will repay you well for the time spent.

All instruments we sell are guaranteed satisfactory. Payments can be arranged to suit purchaser. You have the

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guarantee back of everything we sell. Ask any of the thousands of satisfied customers. Visit our store.
The Porter Block. 143-145 S. Main Street, Lima, Ohio.
The Edison and Victor Dealers of this City.

MAN MISSING.

Benj. Evans Disappeared from Home at Col. Grove.

A report has been received at the local police headquarters that Benjamin Evans, of Columbus Grove, has disappeared from home. He left his home on February 9th, and has not been heard of since. The report stated that it is presumed that his mind is unbalanced. He is described as a man 33 years of age, smooth face, about 5 feet 9 inches in height, and weighing 165 pounds. When last seen he wore a black rain coat and black stuff hat.

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WHICH WAS RIGHT?

See if You Can Untangle the Knots in This Problem

A young man named Phyllis de... (text continues)

A FAMILY MIX.

The Story as It is Recorded on the Tombstones.

In the early part of the last century... (text continues)

ANIMALS AMBIDEXTROUS.

Why Man Gives Preference to Right Hand Over Left.

Right handedness and right eyedness... (text continues)

Her Protector.

"Well, sir," explained young Mr. Scobber... (text continues)

A Girl After His Own Heart.

A Scotchman, wishing to know his fate... (text continues)

His Discharge.

A touching instance of the humor which never deserts a true Irishman... (text continues)

So There Is.

"I didn't know you intended to more." "We don't." "But your wife told me she was out looking at houses at day yesterday." "Well, that's true enough, but don't you know there is a vast difference between looking at houses and looking for houses?"

Not Very Consoling.

Humorist—The editor makes fun of my jokes. Spencer—Well, I don't see that you have any kick coming. That's more than you are able to do—Chicago News.

He that blows upon dust his eyes with his Danish Proverb.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy—The Remedy for the chest which years and find it to be one of the best selling medicines on the market. For babies and young children there is nothing better in the line of cough remedy. Says Paul Allen, Plain Dealer, Pa. "This remedy not only cures the coughs, colds and croup so common among young children, but is pleasant and safe for them to take. For the old it does the same."

Comforting.

"Will my husband live, doctor?" "Well, madam, if he doesn't he'll come mighty close to it."—Judge

CUPID'S HEARTY APPETITE.

"You know," said the soulful youth, "music is the food of love?" "Nonsense," replied the practical fellow. "My love prefers lobster salad."—Philadelphia Press.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.

Don't strain your opinions down the throats of other people; some of the opinions which seem important to you are very objectionable to others.

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Finality, O. Feb. 15.—In addition to its unrivaled business system, which enables it to maintain absolute secrecy in all its dealings, the Standard Oil Company has in service more than 30,000 miles of private telegraph wires in the United States. Its main cables run through the pipe lines, and the wires from the pumping station in Chicago to Bartlesville, Okla., or to the Kansas City, Kan., can all at his table and get his orders direct from the big building at 20 Broadway.

The message does not pass through the hands of a single Western Union or Postal operator. Every hand that touches it is a Standard Oil key and every wire which carries it is a Standard Oil wire. It is why there are few leaks in things concerning the Standard. It trusts its own employees implicitly. It will not hire a man it cannot trust, but it trusts nobody else in the handling of its business.

The trust has four wires from Chicago to New York. There are wires from the big refinery at Bayonne, N. J., to New York, and there are wires from all the Pennsylvania towns, such as Titusville, Bradford, Pottsville, to New York. There are also wires to and from Cleveland, Lima, Findlay and all other towns in the oil and gas belt. There are two wires from Kansas City to Chicago, and one wire from Kansas City through Humboldt, Chanute, Cheyenne, Independence, Coffeyville, Caney, Peru, Sedan, Bartlesville, Muskogee, and Cleveland, Okla. Wherever the Standard builds a pipe line the wire goes. When it established a pumping station at Paola, Kan., the telegraph wires began ticking when the pumps began chugging. When the pipe line reached Cleveland the wire was there to tell about it.

All cities of any consequence east of the Mississippi are touched by the trust's wires, and the system is spreading into the West. A superintendent in charge of offices for one of the large commercial companies was speaking a few days ago as to what would happen if the oil trust should decide to become a competitor of the Western Union or the Postal Companies. He said:

"The Standard has more than 1,000 offices of its own already working, and its operators are all of the highest class. Whether you find a Standard operator you find a crack-jack. It does not hire any other kind."

"This telegraph system has enabled the Standard in the past and enables it now to transmit correspondence almost wholly by wire when correspondence demands and keep the contents of its message as close as if they went by mail. It is this secrecy which makes every movement of the Standard a mystery. No Standard employee ever tells the contents of the streets of Chicago, Kan., at night is on the desk at the point of the proper department in New York before breakfast the next morning."

The Standard is generous to employees with the use of wires. Recently one of the pipe line gang men working in the southern end of a Western state was injured. He had the free use of the wire back to his home in this city

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